

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2020 AT BOUTH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr K Dean (Chair), Cllr Baxter, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Brereton, Cllr Brown, Cllr Henson, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Taylor and J Hendry (Clerk: clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Minute no	Action Point	Person
1/2020	Apologies received from Cllr Jarvis	
2/2020	Minutes of the December 2019 Meeting of the Colton Parish Council The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were signed as such by the Chair	
3/2020	Declarations of interest- none received	
4/2020	Requests for dispensations – none received	
5/2020	Public Participation - resolved to accept the following: a. Community participation: No requests received b. District Council update: None received ii) County Council update: Cllr Brereton gave an update on the planned meeting to discuss A590, see action9/2020b below iii) Police report: None received	
6/2020	Update on issues and actions from the last meeting a. Website development update provided by Cllr Hoyle who advised that the website development is underway and that he and others had reviewed style and content and commented accordingly. The website is expected to launch early in February with links made to various social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. The Clerk requested that the Councillors, who have not yet responded, review and send/update biographies and photographs to ensure that website content is complete and current and delivered within agreed timescales b. A discussion took place regarding Colton Parish Community Plan and Cllr Hoyle agreed to liaise with each councillor to review and update each section on an individual basis. c. Council Working Groups and Councillor representation on these was reviewed and an amended document detailing these will be circulated in advance of the next meeting for approval. d. The previously circulated list of grit bins, sited across Colton Parish Council, was updated and will be re-circulated to Councillors. The Clerk agreed to investigate the acquisition/purchase of additional grit bins to replace the grit heaps, located at Spark Bridge, Toll Road junction in Bouth, the approach to Colton Church and at the Lowick Bridge junction.	All All JH JH
7/2020	a. Climate change and the environment Cllrs Baxter and Taylor agreed to meet with other interested parishioners in Colton Parish with the aim of establishing a Colton Parish-wide Sustainability working group. Cllr Taylor agreed to lead such a group, commencing with an “Open Meeting” designed to coordinate, facilitate and signpost an approach to sustainability.	FB/JT JT

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	<p>b. The planned meeting, relating to A590 issues, has not yet been held and Cllr Brereton advised that a meeting is being arranged in the Rusland Pool Hotel. Due to the number of invitees, the date has not yet been fixed though is likely to take place in the coming weeks.</p>	MB
10/2020	<p>Finance, Audit and Accounts</p> <p>a. The Council received and approved the recommendations made by Finance Working group, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To accept the budget, forecasted to underspend by approximately £1000, and to increase the precept by 3% for 2020/21 ii) To increase the hourly rate of pay for the Lengthsman from £15 to £16/hour iii) To reject a proposed contribution of £50 towards printing costs of the Coniston and Crake Valley Benefice Magazine due to the number of other churches based in Colton Parish and the precedent that such approval would set. The Council did in principle agree to fund specific items from the Community Grant when submitted in line with Council policy <p>b. To approve the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Parish lengthsman £210 (November) ii) Parish lengthsman £208 (December) iii) Clerk expenses and HMRC payment (Q3) iv) Oxen Park Reading Rooms, £450, Community Grant v) Rusland Reading Rooms £150, Community Grant vi) Rookhow £500, Community Grant vii) Lakeside and Finsthwaite Village Hall £700, Community Grant viii) Royal British Legion Poppy appeal £17 	
11/2020	<p>Correspondence-previously circulated by email</p> <p>a. The Clerk agreed to seek further advice on the May election process and advise members of the next steps.</p> <p>b. The Clerk agreed to send members the information relating to training provided by CALC to enable a discussion to take place at the February meeting</p>	JH JH
122/19	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7pm (Chair's Surgery from 6.30pm)</p>	